

WASHINGTON, D.C. , Congressman John W. Olver (D-1st District) announced that Congress has approved

Olver is the Ranking Member (most senior Democrat) of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation

"I am pleased to be able to deliver this substantial funding to help meet the transportation needs of the people

The funding was included in the FY06 Transportation, Treasury, HUD, the Judiciary and DC Appropriations bill.

Olver added, "Many residents are dependent upon accessible transportation to get to educational centers and

The conference report contains the following early action items:

A storage facility, in a building already purchased by MART at 840 N. Main Street, Leominster, will be renovated

\$800,000 for MART to construct a maintenance facility in Gardner

This funding will go toward construction of a much needed garage facility in Gardner. MART currently rents

\$1.2 million to replace buses and vans in MART's aging fleet

MART is in need of replacement buses and vans for its aging fleet. The need in the next two years is for 12

\$500,000 for MART Advanced Vehicle Locator System

These funds will allow MART to increase the program it currently has in place into 45 more vehicles. At present

\$750,000 for improvements to Route 31 (Ashby State Road)

This project involves resurfacing of a 1.4-mile section of Route 31 (Ashby State Road) from John Fitch Highway

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